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GEORGE W. BALL was born near Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, June 7, 1847, and died at his home in Iowa City, July 18, 1915. He spent his youth on his father's farm in Jefferson County, attended common school, and Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, graduating in 1867. He also graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1869. He practiced law a short time in Des Moines and in Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and then in Chicago, but in November, 1874, he removed to Iowa City and formed a partnership with Charles Baker, which continued until Mr. Baker's death in 1910. Then he formed a partnership with his son, George W. Ball, Jr. In 1885 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. He was county attorney of Johnson County for four years, 1893 to 1896. In 1899 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies and was mayor of Iowa City from 1905 to 1909. He was vice president of the First National Bank of Iowa City. He was a member of the board of curators of the State Historical Society. He was prominent in the different branches of Masonry, and was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa two terms, 1895 and 1896.

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LEW WALLACE ANDERSON was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 6, 1867, and died at his home in that city, September 21, 1915. He graduated from Cedar Rapids High School in 1884 and for a year was on the editorial staff of the *Cedar Rapids Republican*. He entered the insurance business with his father, and after his father's death in 1905, he conducted the business alone. He built up one of the largest insurance agencies in the state. From 1907 he was actively engaged in real estate developments in Cedar Rapids. He was the leader in purchasing, landscaping and putting on the market Vernon Heights, and other fine residential districts of the city. He also was the foremost promoter in building the Montrose Hotel, the Killian department store and the principal new office buildings in the city. He was alderman-at-large in 1906, was a member of the public library board, and a member of the River Front Improvement Association. Governor Carroll appointed him on the Iowa State Waterways Conservation Commission. He was for several years considered the leader in the big enterprises that marked his city's progress.

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JOHN A. GREEN was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, December 10, 1844, and died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 25, 1920. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Anamosa. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1852, stopping in Boston, where he attended school. He then for ten years worked as a stonemason and letterer. He came to Joliet, Illinois, in 1865, and to the hills west of Anamosa, later known as Stone City, in 1868. Here he opened the limestone quarries which in a few years developed into a concern employing at one time several hundred men, thriving until cement came into general use, when the

quarries declined. Mr. Green also successfully conducted farming and fine stock raising. He was progressive, successful and generous, and was a liberal supporter of church and hospital work. He was a leader in the Democratic party of his county and district. In 1891 he was elected senator from the Cedar-Jones district, and served in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies. In 1904 he was the unsuccessful candidate for congress in the Fifth District.

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WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1833, and died at Toledo, Iowa, August 8, 1914. He came to Iowa City, Iowa, in 1856 and removed to Toledo in 1858 and entered the mercantile business, continuing until 1879. He was actively interested in banking and railroad building and became the largest individual land owner in Tama county, where he owned some 3,200 acres, with some 3,000 acres elsewhere. He was interested in many corporations. When Leander Clark resigned as representative in the Ninth General Assembly to enter the Union Army, Mr. Johnston was elected at the regular election of 1862 to fill the vacancy, but as there was no extra session called after that election and before the expiration of his term, he never sat in the assembly. For forty-three years he was a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and from the time Leander Clark College was located at Toledo, or for over thirty years, he was a member of the executive committee of that institution.

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THOMAS D. FOSTER was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, November 25, 1847, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, July 22, 1915. He removed with his parents in 1858 to County Kilkenny, Ireland. There he attended public school until sixteen years old when he began work for John Morrell & Company, a meat packing concern. In 1865 he was by them transferred to Liverpool, in 1868 to New York City, and in 1871 to Chicago. In 1872 he became that company's general manager for the United States and Canada. In 1878 he removed to Ottumwa, Iowa, and established the packing plant there. In 1893 he was elected chairman of John Morrell & Company, Ltd., which position he held at the time of his death. Owing to failing health he retired in 1914. For many years he had been active in Y. M. C. A. work. He received the honorary degree of LL. D. from Lenox College in 1906. He was a member of the board of trustees of Parsons College and a member of the State Board of Education from 1909 to 1911.

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ALEXANDER M. GARRETT was born on a farm near Letts, Iowa, March 31, 1857, and died at Letts, August 15, 1915. He attended common school in that community, became an extensive farmer and stockman and also engaged in the grain business at Letts, to which place he removed in 1900. In 1910 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

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